



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5896**

LCO No. 5640



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NUTRITION EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) There is established an  
2       advisory council on nutrition education to advise and make  
3       recommendations to the Commissioner of Public Health on (1)  
4       childhood nutrition, including, but not limited to, promoting healthier  
5       eating habits and providing and promoting healthier options for  
6       school meals, and (2) the development of a nutrition education  
7       program for adoption by the local and regional school districts and  
8       integration into the physical education curriculum.
- 9       (b) The advisory council shall consist of the following members,  
10      who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health:
- 11      (1) A certified dietitian-nutritionist practicing in the state who  
12      provides services to children;
- 13      (2) A pediatrician licensed and practicing in the state;
- 14      (3) A medical researcher with experience conducting research

15 concerning the effects of childhood nutrition on overall health;

16 (4) A school nurse licensed and practicing in the state;

17 (5) A psychiatrist licensed and practicing in the state with  
18 experience treating children with issues related to nutrition;

19 (6) A licensed clinical social worker, as defined in section 20-195m of  
20 the general statutes, with experience providing services to children  
21 with issues related to nutrition;

22 (7) A representative of the Department of Education responsible for  
23 publishing the nutrition standards for food items offered for sale to  
24 students at schools pursuant to section 10-215e of the general statutes;  
25 and

26 (8) A member of the State Board of Education.

27 (c) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General  
28 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, or  
29 the chairpersons' designees, shall be members of the advisory council.

30 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
31 designee, shall be an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the advisory  
32 council and shall attend all meetings of the advisory council.

33 (e) Any member of the advisory council under subsection (b) of this  
34 section may be a member of the General Assembly.

35 (f) All appointments to the advisory council shall be made not later  
36 than thirty days after the effective date of this act.

37 (g) Members shall receive no compensation except for  
38 reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in performing their  
39 duties.

40 (h) The Commissioner of Public Health shall schedule the first  
41 meeting of the advisory council, which shall be held not later than

42 September 1, 2015. The members shall elect the chairperson of the  
 43 advisory council from among the members of the council. A majority  
 44 of the council members shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of a  
 45 quorum shall be required for any official action of the advisory  
 46 council. The advisory council shall meet upon the call of the  
 47 chairperson or upon the request of a majority of council members.

48 (i) Not later than January 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the  
 49 advisory council shall report, in accordance with the provisions of  
 50 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of  
 51 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
 52 health. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to,  
 53 recommendations concerning: (1) Childhood nutrition, including, but  
 54 not limited to, promoting healthier eating habits and providing and  
 55 promoting healthier options for school meals, and (2) the development  
 56 of a nutrition education program for adoption by the local and  
 57 regional school districts and integration into the physical education  
 58 curriculum.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2015	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish an advisory council to make recommendations concerning childhood nutrition and the development of a nutrition education program to be adopted by the local and regional school districts and implemented as part of the physical education curriculum.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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